

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. In this instance, Sinclair is flagrantly abusing its mandate to be an impartial carrier of events. The anti-Kerry "documentary" violates this rule, for it is a brazen, partisan attack on Senator Kerry at a critical time in the campaign.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. I believe it is the responsibility of the FCC to admonish Sinclair in the strongest terms.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.